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THE SITUATION IN CUBA

1. The Cubans have evidently decided to try to shoot down reconnaissance planes, but our only photographic mission over Cuba on Sunday, a high-altitude flight, returned without incident.

2. Preliminary analysis of the coverage provides little new information. We took another look at one IRBM and two MRBM sites. Since the last coverage, there are still 50 vehicles at one MRBM base, and the concrete bunker has not been dismantled, but at the other base all the vehicles which were there last time have left. At the Remedios IRBM site, there is considerable equipment of one of the mobile Russian groundforce units.

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4. Saturday's photography shows that a SAM site 13 miles from Guantanamo has been abandoned, and a new one is being established 10 miles farther away. The SAM sites have been relocated before, and we have no indication that the relation to Guantanamo had anything to do with the change. ILLEGIB

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5. Mr. McCloy had a long meeting with Kuznetsov Sunday which produced no change in the Soviet position. Kuznetsov says we are stalling but he himself suggests that the IL-28's should not be removed until a final solution is achieved. He is still pushing the plan for a "reciprocal" UN presence in the Caribbean, meaning one which would inspect the US as well as Cuba. He says he has no word on when Mikoyan will leave Cuba.

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